

THE PRINTS of PEACE

Emmanuel Baptist Church of Gambrills

Changing Lives with Christ

March, 2015

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Saturday, March 14

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At the Church

We'll be ordering pizza. Sign up for slices of cheese, pepperoni, or pineapple/ham. Sign up to bring side dishes, snacks, or beverages.

Bring your favorite table games. Or just come to watch & listen to all the fun.



REMEMBER to SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH

We need your prayers, presence, and financial support. With illness, trips, cold weather, etc., attendance has been down this winter. Unfortunately, so has giving. We are significantly below budget for the current year. Even when you are not here, your church family needs you to do your part financially to support ***Changing Lives with Christ***.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING for NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

**Our Church Goal:
\$2,500.00**

Send North America

While we are not all called by God to become missionaries, our church is committed to supporting those who ARE called to missionary service. The task to share the Good News with every person in North America is huge. But our God can do it, and is doing it through the work of missionaries and churches all over North America.

Southern Baptists are one group of God's people who are intent on this task. We equip our missionaries with the resources they need to start new churches. In the last decade God has turned out attention most to the areas of the northwest and northeast, to the largest cities, to the areas with the most lost people. And God is calling out the people needed to start new churches in these areas.

Use the missions guide to read of some of these courageous men and women.

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WELCOMING GUESTS

One Sunday when I was on vacation, my wife and I visited another church. It was about twice our size, so it was small enough that most people could recognize us as guests. Yet, no one said hello. No one introduced themselves. No one approached us and said, "Welcome, glad you are here", either before or after the worship service. No wonder there was an announcement in the bulletin encouraging the members of the church to be more friendly and welcoming to visitors.

I want to compliment our church on doing a good job welcoming guests. We have a good balance of our folk who speak to guests. Everyone can make it a point of saying "hello" and "welcome".

We never know who God is going to bring into our building on Sunday mornings. Let's be ready to greet everyone with the love of Christ on Sunday mornings. Make it a point to learn each person's name who attends our church. It is okay to say, "Hi, I haven't learned your name yet. My name is _____." or "I'm sorry, I haven't learned your name yet. My name is _____." The better we know each other, the easier it will be to recognize guests. So step out of your comfort zone, maybe just a couple of steps, so we'll be ready to make our guests welcome each Sunday.

CAP FOOD PANTRY
Collection Campaign
for March is Rice

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The children's Choir will be singing on Sunday, March 29.

Rehearsals this month will be on March 6, 13, 20, and 27.
Rehearsals are at 4:00 p.m.

PRAY FOR LEADERS

Churches in our Arundel Baptist Network (Association) who are seeking pastors:

Faith Baptist Church, Glen Burnie

Eastport Baptist Church, Annapolis

College Parkway Baptist Church,

Heritage Baptist Church, Annapolis

EASTER IS COMING

Plan for our Easter schedule the first Sunday in April:

Sunrise Service	6:45 a.m.
Breakfast following	
Bible Study	9:45 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Easter Supper	6:00 p.m.

Missions

Our annual **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** (AAEO) is a major part of that effort. Nearly half the budget of the **North American Mission Board** (NAMB) comes from this offering. It is vital to the work that is being done all across our continent.

More than 81 percent of U.S. and Canadian residents live in cities. That is why we are prayerfully targeting 32 major cities across North America.

Locally, **Send Baltimore** hopes to start 100 new churches this year, and is praying to start one church in all 250 Baltimore City neighborhoods in the next decade.

The National Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Goal for 2014: \$60 million

2014-2015 Budget Allocations

1. Evangelism and Church Planting Personnel and Projects: 54%

Includes:

- › Church Planting Missionaries
- › Collegiate Evangelism Missionaries
- › LoveLoud Missionaries
- › Convention Directors of Evangelism and Missions (new work areas)

2. Farm System (Raising up the Next Generation of Missionaries): 33%

Includes:

- › Student Missionaries
- › Church Planting Interns
- › Church Planter Apprentices
- › Church Planters

3. Healthcare Benefits: 13%

LADDER SAFETY in the CHURCH

Please help us avoid accidental injuries. Please use one of the step ladders in the west wing closet to reach up high or hang decorations from the ceiling. The blue padded chairs and fold-up chairs are not suitable for climbing on.

Remember these safety guidelines:

- **Do not** move or shift a ladder while in use.
- **Always** face the ladder when moving up or down the ladder. Use at least one hand to grasp the ladder when climbing. The “three point rule” should be followed when ascending and descending a ladder, which is to keep at least three of your hands and feet in contact with the ladder at all times.
- **Do not** carry objects or loads that could cause loss of balance or falls.
- **Do not** use the top two steps of a stepladder that has no top handrail.

AAEO Fast Facts

- › Amount of AAEO* used to support missionaries and their work: 100%
- › Amount of NAMB* budget that comes from AAEO*: 49%
- › Amount of NAMB* budget from Cooperative Program: 38%
- › Amount given to AAEO* in 2013: Year-end figures totaled \$57 million

* AAEO = Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

* NAMB - North American Mission Board